

Judge Thurman on Ben Johnson.

Judge I. H. Thurman, one of the leading local option advocates of Kentucky, delivered a speech in Bardstown on Monday, December 13, in favor of abolishing the saloons in Nelson county. Bardstown is the home of Congressman Ben Johnson, of the Fourth District. Mr. Johnson had been misrepresented in reference to his attitude on the temperance question by a well-known State politician. Of this misrepresentation Judge Thurman spoke as follows:

"But why should I bother about misrepresentations? Is that not the way in Kentucky now, especially when a man holds or is a prospective candidate for office? Is not your own most distinguished citizen's position on this very question almost daily misrepresented, and purely for political purpose? Did not one of the Hart county papers, a bit ago, say that Ben Johnson owned and operated one of the largest distillery plants in Nelson county, when I and all of you know that he never, at any time, had any interest, directly or indirectly, in the manufacture or sale of whisky. You and I know and every man willing to know the truth knows, that the records of your County Clerk's office, kept within a hundred feet of where I now stand, bear mute testimony to the fact that the first vote he ever cast in his life was for local option in Bardstown. He has voted that way for nearly a quarter of a century. At the first election held in this county upon the question which was three years ago, he then voted for local option, and I know and every body knows, that he will again vote for local option next Saturday. He is a plain man of few words, and yet a man who is not afraid to express his convictions. In my recent canvass for re-election as Circuit Judge of the Eleventh Judicial District, when I was being fought by the whisky interests of that District as, perhaps, no man was ever fought before, Ben Johnson was the only man holding public office in Kentucky outside of my District who came to my assistance. In a speech made in the very camp of the enemy, with distilleries standing all about him, he boldly and plainly stated that upon the question of local option he stood exactly where he had always stood; that, he had always voted for it and always intended to do so.

He has never trimmed; he has never dodged. Though he beats no drum, blows no horn and never marches with a brass band, you need never doubt his position upon any public question. More than that, he is a 'dry' man of the right kind—he practices what he preaches. He is one of the few men of my acquaintance of whom it can be truthfully said that neither spirituous, vinous nor malt liquor ever passed his lips—glorious example to the youth of this country. But I came to talk to you of other matters. You people of Nelson county know these things better than I do."

Report of Dr. U. L. Taylor.

To the Fiscal Court of Adair County, Gentlemen:—

In January 1909, I commenced devoting my whole time to the

public health. I proposed to devote my whole time to this very important work, for the sum of five hundred dollars. The Fiscal Court, which has the fixing of the salaries of all salaried officers of the county, in their wisdom thought the amount too large. The law says they must pay the health officer a reasonable compensation for his services, and further says, that the County Board of Health shall indicate to the Fiscal Court what would be a reasonable salary for this officer. The County Board of Health fixed the salary at five hundred dollars. But the Fiscal Court thought that two hundred dollars was salary enough, which amounts to the magnificent sum of fifty-four cents per day. On appeal to the Circuit court, the salary was raised to three hundred and fifty dollars, and it stands at that to-day. This sum I have never agreed to take. The law prescribes what the duties of the health officer shall be, and without regard to the action of the Fiscal court, I undertook to comply with those requirements. He is required to visit all houses where persons have died of consumption, fumigate them, and disinfect and make them fit for future habitation. In obedience to this, I have visited thirty houses, fumigated, disinfected them and put them in order. In doing this I traveled six hundred miles, burned thirty formaldehyd lamps that cost me thirty-five cents each. The health officer is also required to guard the county against smallpox. Early in the Spring an epidemic broke out in the neighborhood of Milltown and Gradyville. Had 24 cases. Some very bad, others very mild. Had one death, an old woman seventy years of age. And one still born child. Made twenty-five visits, at an average of twenty miles, making 500 miles, used seven disinfecting lamps and the county was clear of the disease. There was no spread outside the first infection. The hardest days work I had during the year, was the burying of old lady Coomer, who died of smallpox. Although many denied the disease being smallpox, they did not wish to run any risks in the matter.

The health officer is also required to look after cases of Typhoid fever. In obedience to this, I visited where twenty patients had been sick of this disease. Seven of the cases died, and I fumigated the houses of the living and the dead. In doing this I traveled 150 miles, and used 10 fumigating lamps. I visited and fumigated the house where one man had died of Pneumonia. During the Fall and Winter the county has been scourged with diphtheria. I made three trips to the Russell Springs, Sano and other points, watching for the advent of this scourge. Quite a number of deaths occur in different parts of the county, some unattended by any medical help. I ordered from the State Board of Health, a free supply of the diphtheritic antitoxin, and gave it out liberally to physicians in different parts of the county, since which, there has been no more deaths from this heretofore unmanageable disease. The antitoxin has been so universally successful, that the doctors no more dread to be called to see a case of it.

I have administered the remedy to 12 cases with uniform success. I have fumigated the houses where ten children had the disease, some of whom died and some recovered. One man, whose child had just died of the disease, refused to have his house fumigated because nobody ever died until his time had come. I ordered out the fool-killer, and left him to his reflections. We have had only three cases of scarlet fever during the year. Two of them were in town, and the other just over the line. All rather mild. I fumigated the rooms where they occurred, and there was no further spread.

The law further says, the health officer shall make a sanitary survey of the territory under his jurisdiction, for the purpose of ascertaining the existence of conditions detrimental to the public health, including in said survey, swamp lands, stagnant ponds, imperfect drainage, sewerage, cess pools and water closets: the construction, ventilation, and drainage of public buildings, school houses, prisons, hospitals, eleemosynary institutions, and such nuisances as might prove detrimental to the health. Under this rule I have visited and examined 84 school houses, talked to the teachers and children on public health, suspended several schools, on account of sickness in their neighborhoods, examined the water supply, and analyzed water, having suspended several schools on account of too much ventilation, improper and imperfect heating arrangements, and bad roofs. I undertook to lay the foundation of improved public health by teaching the children its first principles.

I would have had greater success, if a greater number of children had been in attendance. In the 84 schools visited there ought to have been in attendance, 5004 pupils, while I found only 1762 or just 35 per cent. That is, 35 in every hundred were in attendance, and 65 in every hundred were absent. And this after the munificent appropriation by the last Legislature for common school purposes. And this after the several whirlwind campaigns of the great men of the state to try to get up an interest in the common schools. The colored schools made a worse showing than did the whites. Out of 449 that ought to have been present, I found only 118 there, or 25 per cent. Now, it is clear to my mind that something ought to be done, and that speedily. The Legislature will meet in a few days, and there ought to be some radical changes in the common school law. I am decidedly in favor of a rigid compulsory law, one that will "compel." The law compels men to pay their taxes, work the road, fight when it becomes necessary, and why should it allow them to neglect their children, and permit them to grow up in ignorance, when the state has made such lavish provision for their education. I talked to quite a number of the teachers on the subject of a compulsory law, and they without exception favored it. The state pays into our county for common school purposes, more than \$20,000, and only a few of the children get any benefit from it.

And now gentlemen of the Fiscal Court, this is my years

work, I have furnished my own conveyance, fed myself and horse, furnished for the children of the county, more than \$100 worth of Antitoxin, furnished \$30 worth of disinfectants traveled more than 3000 miles, and it is now up to you to see that I am paid for all this work.

Respectfully Yours,
U. L. Taylor,
Health Officer Adair County

Columbia District, Second Round

The following make up Presiding Elder Hulse appointments for the Columbia District, going over the territory for the second time. It is requested that the membership keep these appointments before it and attend the meetings: Clinton, Lands Chapel, January 11-12.

Albany, Oak Grove, January 15-16.

Burksville, Marrowbone, January 18-19.

Bear Creek, Parrish Chapel, January 22-23.

Peytonsburg, Pleasant Hill, January 25-26.

Renox, Breeding, January 29-30.

Greensburg, Greensburg, February 5-6.

Thurlow, Honks Chapel, February 12-13.

Campbellsville Circuit, Asbury, February 15-16.

Spurlington and Early, Taylor's Chapel, February 19-20.

Campbellsville Station, February 26-27.

Mannsville, Wesley Chapel, February 27-28.

Columbia and Tabor, Columbia, March 5-6.

Cane Valley, Cane Valley, March 6-7.

Gradyville, March 12-13.

West Tompkinsville, March 19-20.

Tompkinsville, March 22-23.

Temple Hill, March 26-27.

T. L. Hulse, P. E.

Dulworth.

The health of this community is very good at present.

Christmas passed off very quietly in our section.

The young people of our community took advantage of the recent snow, and had a jolly time sleigh riding.

Mrs. N. F. Harden, who has been quite sick, is reported better.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bault spent Friday of last week with the latter's grandmother, Mrs. M. E. Pike.

A protracted meeting will commence at our church January the 5th, conducted by Brothers Tally and Rood.

Your correspondent spent part of Christmas week with Misses Lou Ella and Alice Bault.

The school conducted at this place by W. R. Squires closed December 24th, with a good record of work by both teacher and pupils. There are several boys and girls, who have almost completed the common school course. The first prize for good spelling was won by Miss Ollie Pike, in a written contest of seventy-four out of seventy-five of the most difficult words in "The Modern Pronouncing Speller, the prize being a Webster's Dictionary. Eugene Pike came in second with sixty of the seventy-five words. Good grades were made. Cordie Allison, Owen Care, Welby Hardin and others. This should speak well for Mr. Squires, as the pupils of our school were far behind, especially in spelling, when he took charge of the school.

Program.

The Fifth Sunday Meeting of the South Cumberland River Association will be held with Providence Church, Adair county, on 29th and 30th of January 1910.

SATURDAY 10 A. M.

1st. Devotional exercises—pastor.

2nd. Introductory sermon—J. S. Smith, A. E. Cooper, Alternate.

3rd. Organization.

4th. Miscellaneous.

NOON.

1st. Distinguish between Christian and church fellowship—J. R. Grider and W. C. Barrett.

2nd. What is the most effective means in the hands of God in bringing the world to Christ?—A. E. Cooper and W. A. Breeding.

Adjournment.

SUNDAY 9 A. M.

1st. Discuss the relation that the Sunday School sustains to church work—S. D. Foley, B. F. Vails and E. Bryant.

2nd. Discuss the necessary qualifications of a minister in this age—B. H. Blair, S. B. Collins and J. W. Grider.

3rd. Convention sermon—C. M. Deener, J. M. Pierce, Alternate, Subject, Missions.

Dirigo.

The old year is past and gone, and we are one step nearer eternity. To some the memory of the year that has passed will bring gay and gladness, while to others, perhaps, it will only call forth blighted hopes and bitter disappointment. To some, the year will be remembered as the happiest period of their lives, while to others its memory will bring only tears. Perhaps to most of us it has not been a period of sunshine and gladness, nor has it been all rain. But it has gone. It is now a part of eternity. It cannot be recalled. So let us bid farewell to our plighted hopes, and greet the New Year with a smile and with a determination to profit by our experiences in the past. Let us remember that time wasted is lost; that our lives are cut short just so much. But anon, anon. The past is past. So with a sigh for the might have been and a prayer for future help and guidance, let us shoulder our burden and start out in life anew and so live, should we be called before His throne ere the year is past, that we may hear him say in a loving tone, well done. So now wishing you all a happy New Year I shall proceed to give you what news I can gather within and around our thriving little city.

Mose Wooten bought a cow from a Mr. Pendleton for \$35.

Matthew Wooten sold a cow to Henry F. Gaston for \$26.50.

J. M. Campbell bought a cow from Granville Estes for \$30.

Rev. J. T. Jessee will begin a meeting at Independence school house the third Sunday in January.

Hadis Harvey and his sister Annie, visited relatives in Cumberland county recently.

Evan Strange has removed to the Murphy farm near Chance, and it is reported that Mrs. Strange has been real sick for the past few days.

J. B. Wilcut made a short visit to friends in Metcalfe Co., last week.

Mrs. J. W. McClister stuck a nail in her foot a few days ago. It made a very painful sore.

Deputy Sheriff Winfrey was here one day last week looking after the boys who had forgotten to pay their taxes.

Mrs. Jane Campbell was on the sick list a few days last week.

Mr. John E. Grissom of Nebraska is visiting his old friends at this place. Mr. Grissom has been away 35 years, but he does not seem to have forgotten anything, and it is very interesting to hear him rehearse the events of his school days spent at Ebenezer and Independence schoolhouses.

Mr. J. R. Royse who has been very sick for the past three or four weeks is thought to be slowly improving and it is hoped he will soon be able to be about again. But Mrs. Royse who had her leg broken does not seem to be doing so well.

An infant of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Harvey is very sick at this writing.

J. E. Claywell, Breeding, did business here last Monday.

Miss Mayme Bean has been sick for a day or so.

On the 28th of December Mr. Claudy Stotts and Miss Mattie Campbell were united in marriage at the home of Rev. T. J. Campbell, only a few of the relatives of the contracting parties being present. The groom is a son of Mr. Geo. W. Stotts of this place and the bride a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Campbell, of near Sparksville. They will reside at this place and may peace, happiness and prosperity be theirs through life is the wish of your reporter.

Beck's Store.

Ice is plentiful at this writing. X-mas is passed and every one seemed to have a good time.

Misses Elizabeth and Annie Alexander, Messrs. J. C. Alexander and J. E. Winfrey spent last Tuesday night and Wednesday with Elizabeth Lloyd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Winfrey and Elizabeth Lloyd spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Irvin of Bakerton.

Miss Frona Cooper spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. D. T. Tarter.

Last Thursday morning Dec. 30th, at 9:30 at the home of the brides father, Mr. J. E. Winfrey and Miss Annie Alexander was married, Rev. D. T. Tarter officiating. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Alexander and is a beautiful and accomplished young lady. Is a natural teacher and has taught since eighteen years of age in our public school. She seemed very much composed and her beauty was intensified by the occasion, never did a bride appear more like an angel than did she as she stood and pledged her faith to her lover. Her dress was of white silk and lace. She was a most faithful member of the Methodist Church. She will be missed at her home, at her church and by her many friends we regret very much to give her up. The groom is a son of Rev. I. C. Winfrey and is a man into whose face one has only to look to be convinced that he is a gentleman. He is a teacher in the public school. Immediately after the ceremony the newly married couple left for Glasgow Ky.